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Comment Of The Day

FAREWELL TO A CLOSE FRIEND

THE sight of the Britannia steaming out of the harbour yesterday afternoon left many with the feeling that this was a farewell to a close friend. Yet most had caught no more than a glimpse of the Duke during his short weekend visit. His charm, his easy-going personality and his warm friendliness endeared him to thousands, and the Colony can feel today that it has established a personal link with the Queen, and through him the Queen, that will always be valued.

If there is any one outstanding achievement of the visit it must be that thousands saw him personally and followed his every move with avid interest. Nor was this mere curiosity. For here was a visitor who came prepared and informed about our situation, our problems and achievements. And the interest and understanding he showed, here as elsewhere during the current tour, emphasises the importance with which the structure of Commonwealth and all its component parts is regarded today.

Vivid Impression

THERE will be other regrets that he has gone. The daily bedecked and illuminated city was an exhilarating and pleasing sight which did much credit to the Public Works Department and the big business houses concerned. The festive atmosphere of the city far exceeded that of any of our traditional holidays. And contributing to the immense success of the occasion was the smooth execution of the programme with only minor variations to the scheduled timetable, and the lack of any undignified incident or any disagreeable behaviour.

Those who have followed the Duke's visit in other parts of the Commonwealth may regret that ours, by comparison, proved less colourful and spectacular and that time did not permit more opportunity for relaxation by the Duke, but in its own way the Colony made a vivid impression on our royal visitor. The intense interest he displayed in all our activities shows clearly that here was no casual observer or condescending sightseer, but someone with our welfare very much at heart.

At The Pinnacle

THE success of the royal tour is therefore not to be measured by the scope of the programme or, necessarily, by the volume of the cheers and the donny of the unlookers. For most, the visit brought to life one of the two people who stand at the pinnacle of the Commonwealth association of which Hongkong is as much as India, Canada, Australia in an integral part. Hongkong has been honoured and will always be deeply grateful that this special link between the people of this Colony and the Duke has been established.

BAGDAD BRANDS SHAWAF No.1 ENEMY OF IRAQI REPUBLIC MOVE TO CRUSH REVOLT

**£10,000 Reward
For
Rebel Leader**

Bagdad, Mar. 8.
Colonel Abdol Wahab Shawaf, branded today as the Number One Enemy of the Iraqi Government had a £10,000 reward placed on his head — dead or alive — by Premier Abdel Karim Kassam.

Ollenhauer To Meet Khrushchev



DR. E. OLLENHAUER

Berlin, March 8.
Herr Erich Ollenhauer, leader of the West German Democratic Party, is to meet the Soviet Prime Minister, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev tomorrow, the West German News Agency DPA said tonight.

The Social Democratic Party is the largest opposition party in West Germany at federal level.

A Discussion

DPA reported that Herr Ollenhauer had been invited by Mr. Khrushchev to a discussion. Herr Ollenhauer has been invited for talks by Mr. Khrushchev, a Social Democratic Party spokesman said in answer to telephone questions.

He said the Soviet Embassy in Bonn had informed Herr Ollenhauer that the Soviet Prime Minister wanted to meet him last Monday. The spokesman said the West German Foreign Ministry had been informed about the meeting.

The spokesman would not say where and when the meeting was to take place tomorrow. A communiqué on the talks may be issued afterwards, he said.

The spokesman, Herr Fritz Barsig, the Party press officer, said he would accompany Herr Ollenhauer at the meeting. No other party officials would take part, he added.

The meeting was to take place in the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin.—Reuter.

Tenants Blown Out Of Flats

Fairbairn, N.J., Mar. 8.
An explosion party, demolished a two-story block here today, hurling some tenants out of the building and burying others under piles of debris.

Nine people had been injured in the blast, two seriously. The body of a small boy was later found buried in the ruins.—Reuter.

Four Hurt As Racer Crashes In Rally

Pomona, Calif.,
March 8.

Four persons, including a race official and two spectators, were injured today when a race car went out of control during the 150-mile International Grand Prix sports car race at Los Angeles county fair grounds here.

The accident occurred in the 10th lap when a Sadler MK-11 driven by Bruce Kessler (24) of Beverly Hills, California, hit an oil slick, went out of control down the track and struck the announcer's scaffold and four parked cars.

A woman and a teenage boy were struck by flying pieces of wreckage. The race Chairman, Joseph J. Weissman, President of the California Sports Car Club, suffered severe cuts on his face and head. He was standing on the announcer's scaffold.

Second Escape

Kessler was thrown 30 feet in the air when his car hit the scaffold, but escaped with a possible broken nose, face abrasions and numerous bruises. Last year he escaped death in a fatal accident at Le Mans.

Film actress Jayne Mansfield was sitting just above the scene of the crash. She was acting as official hostess at the race.—U.P.I. and Reuter.

DUCHESS INSPECTS PERUVIAN HONOUR GUARD



The Duchess of Kent, who is on a Latin-American tour with her daughter Princess Alexandra, inspects the guard of honour mounted at the airport when she arrived in Lima, Peru, on the second leg of her tour.—Express Photo.

U.S.N. Carrier On Aid Mission To Hongkong

San Diego, Calif., March 8.
A U.S. Navy aircraft carrier will leave here tomorrow carrying food and relief supplies in some of its ammunition magazines for hungry and homeless Chinese refugees in Hongkong.

The ship, the Shangri-la, will take about two tons of food and about 30 tons of bedding and clothing as the third goodwill shipment of its kind, promoted by the U.S. Navy's Operation High Road.

The supplies were collected during a two-month charity drive with the aid of church and civic bodies in neighbouring areas to the port.—Reuter.

Red Dean Better

Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, continues to make excellent progress in his recovery from pneumonia, a hospital spokesman said tonight. He is 65.—Reuter.



The recent order of the South African Government, making it compulsory for all black Africans to carry identity cards has sparked off riots in several cities. In one, in Pretoria's Lady Selborne, 2,000 women took part, demonstrating all day until they were dispersed by a ruthless baton charge of both black and white police.—Express Photo.

Dulles Goes For A Ride: Visits Home

Washington, March 8.

The Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, left his hospital room today for the second time for another car ride in warm, sunny weather.

A State Department spokesman said the 71-year-old Secretary, fighting his second bout with cancer, walked out of the hospital with Mrs. Dulles for his second drive in two days. Yesterday, when Mr. Dulles and his wife took a half-hour drive through Rock Creek Park, marked the first time Mr. Dulles had left the hospital since February 10 when he entered for a hernia operation that disclosed abdominal cancer.

SAW HIS DOG

Today's outing, which lasted about 1 hour and 20 minutes, included a stop at the Dulles home on the fringe of Rock Creek Park. As Mr. Dulles returned to the hospital, he said to the waiting State Department Press Officer, Joe Kemp, "Well, we went home and I saw my dog."

Mr. Reap said Mr. Dulles "seemed to be very happy" about his first return to his home since he entered hospital.—U.P.I.

Moon Men

New York, Mar. 8.
Men will land on the moon within two years, Dr. Lloyd M. Motz, Professor of Astronomy at Columbia University, predicted in an interview today.—France Press.

France Prepares To Explode First Nuclear Bomb

Paris, March 8.

About 2,500 men are to work deep in the Sahara desert near Reggane, Algeria, building block-houses and underground shelters in preparation for France's first nuclear tests, the Paris Journal Dimanche reported today.

The newspaper's science correspondent, in a dispatch from Colomb-Béchar, the site of the French missile testing range 375 miles from Reggane, said the workmen, mostly Moslems, had moved thousands of tons of soil in an undertaking reminiscent of the building of the pyramids.

This Year

Neither the date nor the place of France's first atom bomb test have yet been officially announced, but it is widely expected here to take place this year. The correspondent said yesterday's launching of Veronique rockets at Colomb-Béchar was only partially successful because of a malfunctioning of the apparatus for releasing sodium at great heights to make an artificial comet that failed to function, another launching was expected tomorrow.—Reuter.

Russian Cruise

Liverpool, Mar. 8.
The Russian liner, the Gorky (34,172 tons), makes her first visit to British ports October 11, was announced here tonight. She will call at Liverpool and Glasgow during a cruise to the British Isles, and the Black Sea starting from New York.—Reuter.

Cyprus Rampage By British Troops

Famagusta, Mar. 8.
About sixty British soldiers, mostly dressed in civilian clothes and armed with clubs and stones went on a rampage through the outlying city of Famagusta tonight leaving behind them a trail of broken windows and damaged cars.

According to first reports, the angry troops set out in retaliation against Cypriot youths who last night stoned uniformed security forces in the predominantly Greek city.

Minor Panic

Minor panic flashed through the narrow alleys of the old city, and church bells pealed the alarm, as during the inter-communal clashes of last summer.

Volleys of stones were exchanged between the soldiers and youths as the crowd attempted to drive the troops away.

The fighting brought into the open the shimmering tension, only slightly veiled beneath the surface in parts of Cyprus. Famagusta remains almost fanatically loyal to the ex-territorial EOKA movement, which led the Cyprus struggle against British security forces. Tension between Briton and Greek has not been eased by the signing of the London agreement.

Memories

Both sides retain vivid memories of last October 3 when unknown youths shot dead Mrs. Catherine Cutcliffe and wounded another service wife. The culprit was never found, but British authorities were convinced the shooting was the work of EOKA members acting under orders. Two Greeks died in the subsequent mass roundup.—U.P.I.

Nuclear Power For U.S. Base In Antarctica

Melbourne, Mar. 8.

Rear-Admiral George Dufek, commanding American naval support forces in Antarctica, said today that the U.S. plans to install nuclear power at its permanent Antarctic base to cut down their "tremendous logistic costs." In a recorded broadcast talk Admiral Dufek said the U.S. is also studying the possibility of establishing an Antarctic airport that could be used all the year round.

"We have what looks like a very good site in the Cape Beaufort area, not far from McMurdo Sound," he added. Admiral Dufek said that in ten years' time, airlines would be flying to Antarctica. "We would be able to get there in half the time it takes now," he said. "We would be able to get there in half the time it takes now," he said.

Skittles (AMERICAN STYLE) "Bursts" On The British

London, March 9.
Ten-pin bowling, a game played by 22 million Americans, is about to "burst upon the British public," an American maker of bowling alley equipment announced a Press conference here.

"They'll be teaching us to play cricket next," commented one Briton, who recalled that the American game is a direct descendant of the ancient English game of skittles.

But while bowling is enjoyed by Americans of both sexes and ages, the tradition of beer and skittles survives in only a handful of British pubs, where it is reserved for men.

The American firm, which has already interested a number of British businessmen in the money-making possibilities of bowling alleys, plans a full-scale programme to educate the British about ten-pin bowling.

One of the facts publicised will be that "bowling is a credit course at Herts College, Herts, New York."

British bowling alley operators will be able to buy the American equipment and rent the automatic pinsetter,

an untried electronic machine which in 1952 replaced the pin-boy who used to set up the pins.

"Sticker Up"

The makers of the automatic pinsetter believe it is largely responsible for the growth of bowling in the United States last year, agrees.

Sir Alan Herbert, 68-year-old British author, wit and skittler, who demonstrated the English game in the United States last year, agrees.

"In these soft days, it is difficult to find a sticker up (skittles) counterpart of the pin boy," Sir Alan said at his home.

"The electronic machine saved the American game and would probably save ours if we could afford it," China Mail Special.



De Gaulle Loses Ground In City Elections

Paris, March 8.
French voters showed Gen. Charles de Gaulle less warmth and the Communists more today in municipal elections, the first nation-wide polling since De Gaulle's austere economic programme took effect.

With French prices up five to 10 per cent since austerity was ushered in with the new year, this outcome had been generally expected.

Early returns indicated the Communists had gained since the parliamentary elections last November.

At 1 a.m. among 2,013,143 votes reported, the Communists had 622,917 votes and the Neo-Gaullist Union for the New Republic (U.N.R.), 413,412.

By a similar token, percentage returns for the first 83 seats filled showed the Communists got 19.72 per cent of the vote for those districts compared to 13.70 per cent for the same districts last autumn, while the U.N.R. got 21.16 per cent compared to 29.41 per cent last autumn.

Reversed

Their respective totals were roughly the other way in the parliamentary elections of last autumn which saw the U.N.R. pick up 26.4 per cent of the final vote while the Communists fell to 20.7 per cent (as compared to 19.72 in 1955).

In Lyons, Deputy Premier Jacques Soustelle, leader of the U.N.R., won the election but his ticket ran third behind the Radicals and the Communists.

In Marseilles the ticket headed by Socialist Gaston Defferre, ex-Minister for Overseas Territories, finished ahead of Pascal Marchetti's U.N.R. ticket, 62,207 to 22,471.

Marchetti beat Defferre out of the National Assembly seat last autumn.

However both men finished behind the Communist today, who got 90,190 votes.

Comeback

Defferre was not the only politician defeated for the Assembly last autumn to make a comeback in the municipal elections.

Similar comebacks were staged by Socialist Robert Lacoste, former Minister-Resident in Algeria, ex-Premier Edgar Faure of the Rally of the Republican Left (R.G.L.) Party and Radical ex-Defence Minister Andre Morice.

Interior Minister Jean Berthoin said: "I must acknowledge the Communists have regained ground."

"But," he added, citing a well-known French political phenomenon, "the majority of the voters who support Communist candidates are not Communists. They vote that way because they oppose government policy."—U.P.I.

EYEEES—ANYWHERE

It was enough to make a shouting screaming sergeant-major dissolve into tears.

The impeccably uniformed, meticulously lined-up honour guard for Mr Macmillan's arrival at Kiev were turning their heads, shifting their glance all over the place.

But it wasn't lack of discipline. In fact it was the opposite.

Russian standing orders command everyone on parade to keep their eyes fixed— not forward—but on the day's VIP.

U.S. Fears New Crisis In Formosa

Washington, March 8.
The United States Secretary of the Army, Mr Wilber Brucker, said today that there was much concern here about the possibility of a new crisis in the Formosa area flaring up at the same time as the Berlin crisis reaches a climax.

Appearing on a television programme, Mr Brucker said the possibility of the joint crisis meant keeping United States forces ready for action in both places.

"We've got to keep our mind on that and not be distracted," he added.

But he agreed with President Eisenhower's statement last week that this was not the moment for general mobilisation.

"We are, of course, contemplating and planning for every conceivable contingency," he said.

"We've got to be governed by what the aggressors do and the Russians unqualifiedly are the aggressors," he said. "If we mobilise, Russia might mobilise and a lot of people have an idea that they have twice as many men as we do to mobilise at one time."—Reuter.

Bounty

Washington, Mar. 8.
A New York congressman announced today he would introduce a bill tomorrow that would put a \$300 "bounty of prey" on the head of every narcotics peddler.—U.P.I.

Alcohol Deaths

Montevideo, Mexico, Mar. 8.
Twenty people lingered between life and death here today after drinking industrial alcohol pilfered from an abandoned railway tank car. The alcohol had already claimed 24 victims.—U.P.I.

AFRICA PROTEST MARCH IN LONDON

Demonstrators Shout: 'Hands Off'

London, March 8.
Africans and British sympathisers today marched through the streets of London shouting "Hands off Africa" in a demonstration to protest against recent events in Nyasaland. The procession, accompanied by two saxophonists and a drummer playing "Onward Christian Soldiers," was headed by 29-year-old African member of the Nyasaland Legislative Council, M. W. Kanyama Chiume, one of the principal assistants of arrested Nyasaland African Congress leader Dr Hastings K. Banda.

With him at the head of the column was a white woman, Mrs Lorna Micklem, a London university graduate now studying for the Bar.

The demonstrators repeatedly shouted for the release of Dr Banda, and demanded the dismissal of Sir Roy Welensky, Prime Minister of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, who last week sent Federal troops into Nyasaland to put down riots during which 38 Africans were killed.

Mounted and foot police accompanied the marchers and a cordon of police reserves followed. There were no incidents.

At a meeting afterwards attended by a thousand people,

Chiume said: "We in Nyasaland are determined we shall have no other master but ourselves." Meanwhile several hundred African students demonstrated in front of the office of the Central African Federation's High Commissioner in London in protest against the arrest of Nyasaland African National Congress leaders. They dispersed later without incident.—France-Press.

● Sir Roy Welensky—Ex-Boxer P.S.

Castro Denies Plot Report

Washington, March 8.
The Cuban Premier, Dr Fidel Castro, today discounted reports that his revolutionary government is plotting the overthrow of Dominican strong man Rafael L. Trujillo.

The rebel leader said it was logical that democratic Cubans would view with sympathy any movement against Trujillo.

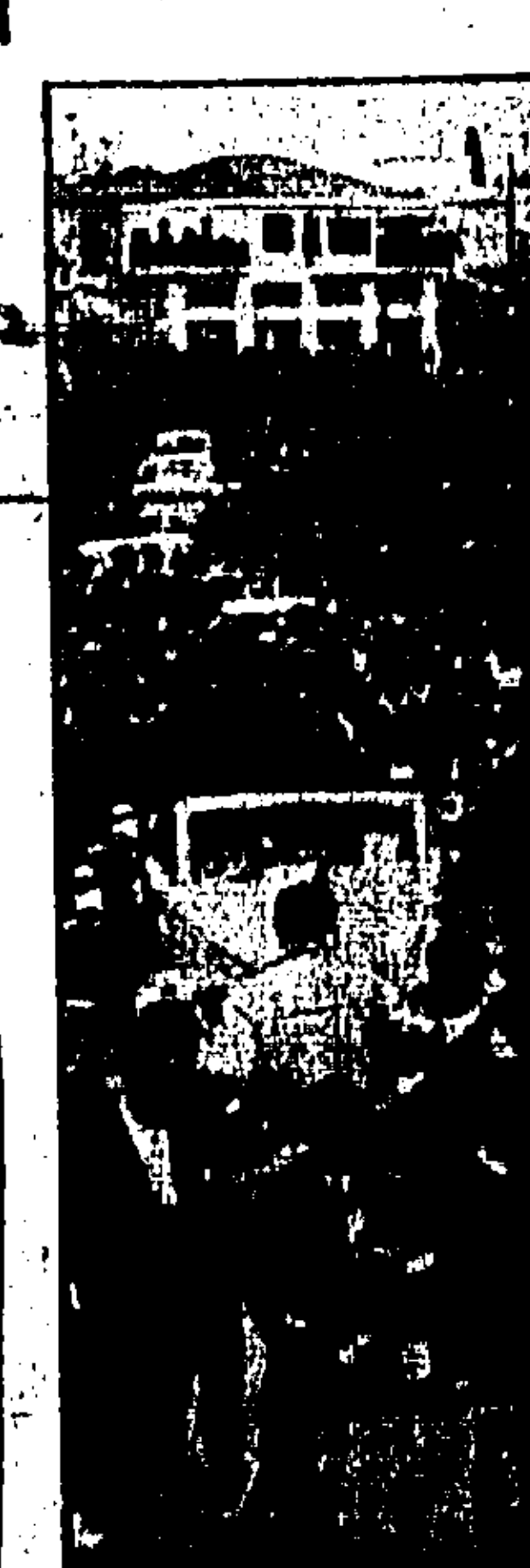
"But for us to intervene directly in the problems of Santo Domingo (the Dominican Republic)—No."

Premier Castro made his statement in a copyrighted interview appearing in the current issue of U.S. News and World Report.

He also said his government has not raised the question of nationalising U.S. firms or revising the terms under which the Navy occupies its base at Guantanamo Bay.

Dr Castro said he saw "no reason why conflicts can arise" with the U.S. if the two countries maintain friendly relations.—U.P.I.

Makarios Is Home

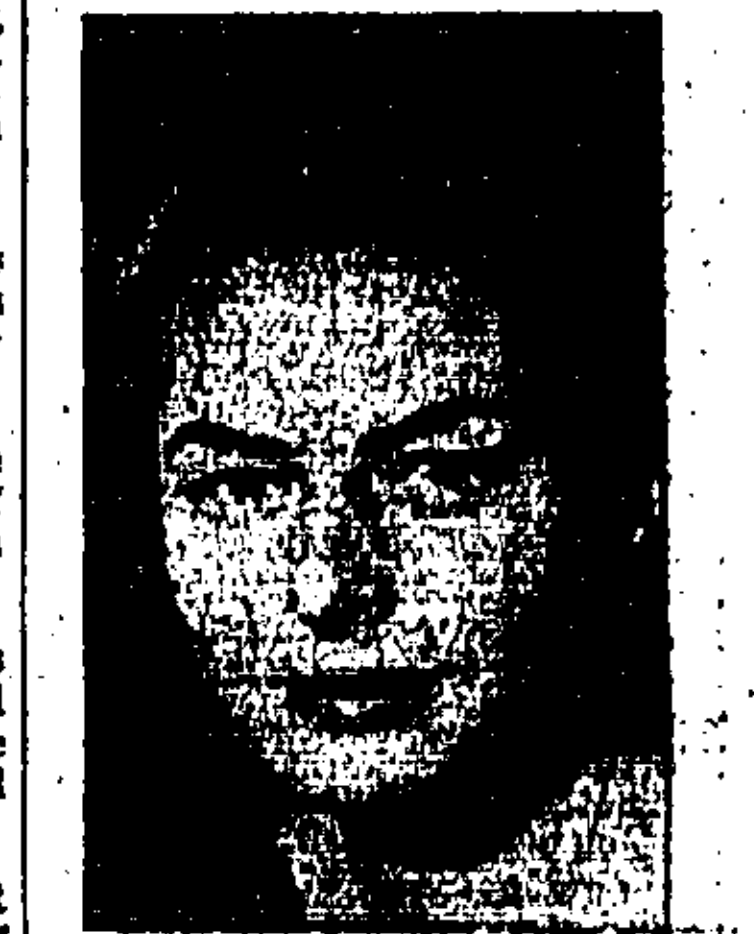


"Half The People I Work With Are Reds"—Ingrid

New York, March 8.
Actress Ingrid Bergman said today that at least half the people she works with in European movies are Communists, but she thinks nothing of it.

Miss Bergman appeared on the filmed and recorded Edward R. Murrow CBS television show "Small World," with producer Darryl F. Zanuck and New York Times movie critic Bosley Crowther.

"Here in Europe, we don't have the problem of Communists as you have it in America," she said, "because here it isn't



Ingrid
"It's not a crime"

a crime, and I worked long enough in Italy and France to know that half of the people I work with, if not more, are Communists, and we think nothing of it."

Miss Bergman, speaking from Paris, referred also to a U.S. ban on a movie she made 10 years ago.

She did not mention the name of the picture, but it may have been "Strambaldi," the film she made just before she divorced her doctor husband to marry Roberto Rossellini.

She said that she read in one of the movie trade papers at the time that theatres in smaller cities waited to see what happened to the movie in New York.

Public Opinion

"If the picture was box office," she said, "they would not ban it. Otherwise, it would be banned on moral grounds."

Zanuck said that many people thought the American public did not want to see Miss Bergman on the screen after she ran off to Europe, with Rossellini, but that he thought otherwise and cast her in "Anastasia," for which she won a Hollywood Oscar.

Miss Bergman, who plans to return soon to Hollywood for the first time in 10 years, said that it would have been difficult for Zanuck to have done that five years earlier, "because public opinion was against it."

In reference to Hollywood blacklists of Communists or Communist sympathisers, Miss Bergman said some of the best talent in the movie capital disappeared suddenly during the last 10 years.

"I think Hollywood regretted it," she said. "But then it became public opinion, and that is something that is very difficult."

"The wind blows this way, and a couple of years after, it blows the other way, and very often it is difficult to know why."—U.P.I.

Photo Lessons

New York, Mar. 8.
Columbia University student Roger Field, an art student, today gave his physics lecture while other students rapidly scribbled notes. His photographs of the blackboard work problems.

Field says the demand for prints of his photographic notes pays his costs.—U.P.I.



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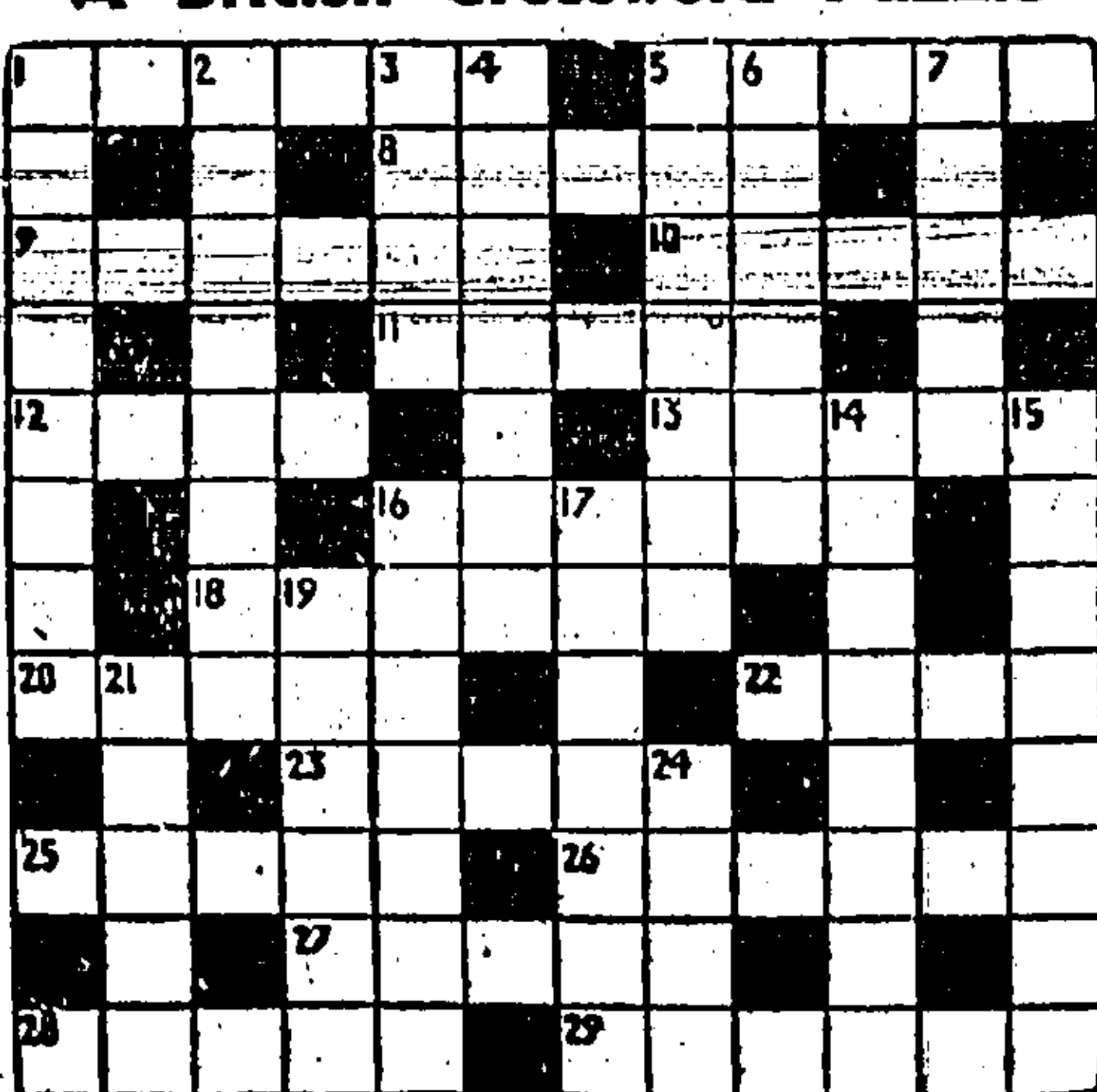
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| 9 Decree. | 4 Legislator. |
| 10 Ultimate. | 5 Amount lacking. |
| 11 Song-thrush. | 6 Prayer. |
| 12 Bound. | 7 Couple. |
| 13 Systems of signals. | 14 Be overbearing. |
| 16 Unit in game with 26 pieces. | 15 Sit astride. |
| 18 Vegetable. | 16 Feared. |
| 20 Church land. | 17 Shaped. |
| 22 Endorsement. | 18 Scrape. |
| 23 Bare. | 19 Reel. |
| 26 Wide. | 24 Dried up. |
| 28 Hang down. | |
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| 30 Stupe. | |

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 3. Slippers. 8. Adule. 9. Replicas. 11. Prepared. 12. Apoc. 13. Strip. 18. Salad. 19. Omas. 22. Dilligence. 24. Subside. 25. Nerds. 26. Fearless. Down: 1. Happy. 2. Sleep. 3. Struts. 4. Lear. 5. Pals. 6. Escape. 7. Sister. 10. Pers. 14. Tabb. 15. Buses. 16. Gossip. 17. Tumble. 20. Ditty. 21. Agree. 22. Dial. 23. Lard.

Biggest Seato Air Exercise Ends

The biggest Seato air exercise to date ended yesterday in Thailand.

Eighty-three aircraft from six countries took part in a week-long operation against an "invasion force" of six Chinese-type army divisions advancing from the north against Bangkok.

Nuclear bomb drops were simulated during the exercise. The nations taking part in the exercise co-ordinated Air Programs were Britain, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, France and Thailand. The manoeuvres were in two phases.

First was an air defence of Bangkok against the "aggressor" bombers (British Commonwealth Canberra).

The second was a dropping of Thai and French paratroops and the establishment of an air-head at Korat, 170 miles north of Bangkok by Seato transport machines.

At the conclusion of the exercise today, the director, Air Vice-Marshal Kamil Thainakorn, assistant chief of the Thai Air Staff, left to govern that the Communists

would be aware of Seato efforts.

Seato exercises he said were a "reminder of our capability." The deputy director of the operation, Major-General Thomas Moorman, commander of the Philippine-based 18th United States Air Force said the exercise yielded information on nuclear warfare.

It showed, that when Seato forces were assumed to have numerical superiority, nuclear weapons could still help them by saving time and loss of life.

Bangkok, March 9.

monwealth detachment. Air Commodore A. G. Stewart of the British Far East Air Force said the exercise showed that the Seato air defence organisation was very efficient.

But there was need for more standardisation among the Seato forces, he said.

Major-General K. Hobson, Vice-Commander of Japanese Fifth United States Air Force said the manoeuvres demonstrated that Seato could come to the aid of a Southeast Asian country in hours rather than days.—Reuter.

The commander of the Com-

Fantastic prospect for the human race, if the dream of scientist visionaries ever becomes reality:

Longevity Via The Laboratory And The Assembly Line?

By A. CARNEY

SPARE parts for human beings are becoming commonplace—so commonplace that before very long a man or woman with an artificial heart, lung, kidney or the like may be as unremarkable as a war veteran with an artificial limb.

Indeed, there are some scientists who consider that in the course of time the creating of artificial organs may be developed to such a fine art of perfection that they will be much preferred to those with which nature has endowed us even though the latter are in good "working order."

According to these prophets of favour, artificiality, the human body is drastically restructured by its material structure of flesh and blood and bone. They argue that because it is composed merely of flesh, blood and bone it is after all bound to be exceedingly equal to the demands made upon it.

VARIETY

Whereas if it could be built of a far greater variety of materials, each specially adapted to the specific tasks required of it, the body would stand up far better to the wear and tear of life on this earth of ours.

Such is the contention of these visionaries in the realm of science, and the possibility at once suggests itself of the ordinary man or woman becoming a robot-like creature consisting of a soul encased in a manufactured frame—becoming in fact, an extraordinary man or woman with a non-human body, and with replacements at hand which would seem to guarantee life unending.

Another body of scientific opinion sees immense scope in the development of laboratory techniques concerned with the culture of animal tissue. Fantastic progress in this field of research has already been made. Laboratory experimentation has demonstrated that the organs and limbs of an animal can be grown from fragments of embryonic tissue—yes, grown under artificial conditions, and to such effect that an eye or a leg has resulted.

STARTLING

In America, the outcome of laboratory experiments in reproduction with the embryo of frogs has been interpreted in some quarters as indicating a truly momentous possibility—if those experiments can be adapted to human beings. It would seem, according to this interpretation, that an individual man or woman could be reproduced again and again in precisely the same pattern. The famous Jean Rostand, French biologist, is one who paints a startling word-picture

of a wondrous era wherein "All men will be handsome, healthy, strong and intelligent, and will live for two hundred years or more."

Jean Rostand, now in his sixties, is among France's leading scientists. He has written scientific books which sell as readily as novels. He has delved deeply into the mysteries of heredity and reproduction, and he has prophesied a world in which women will have children without men being concerned in the miracle of propagation—a world, too, in which brilliant intellect as well as good looks will be distributed to fortunate generations of mankind. His latest astonishing book on the future that could be in store for the human race was published a short time ago—"Can Man Be Modified?" by Secker and Warburg.

It is debatable how great a proportion of the human race would really welcome the prospect of being able to live to the exceedingly ripe old age of two hundred or more.

Life is all too short, say some. But live for centuries, even if artificially brought the gift of prolonged vigour—would that be so desirable to all of us?

A DIET

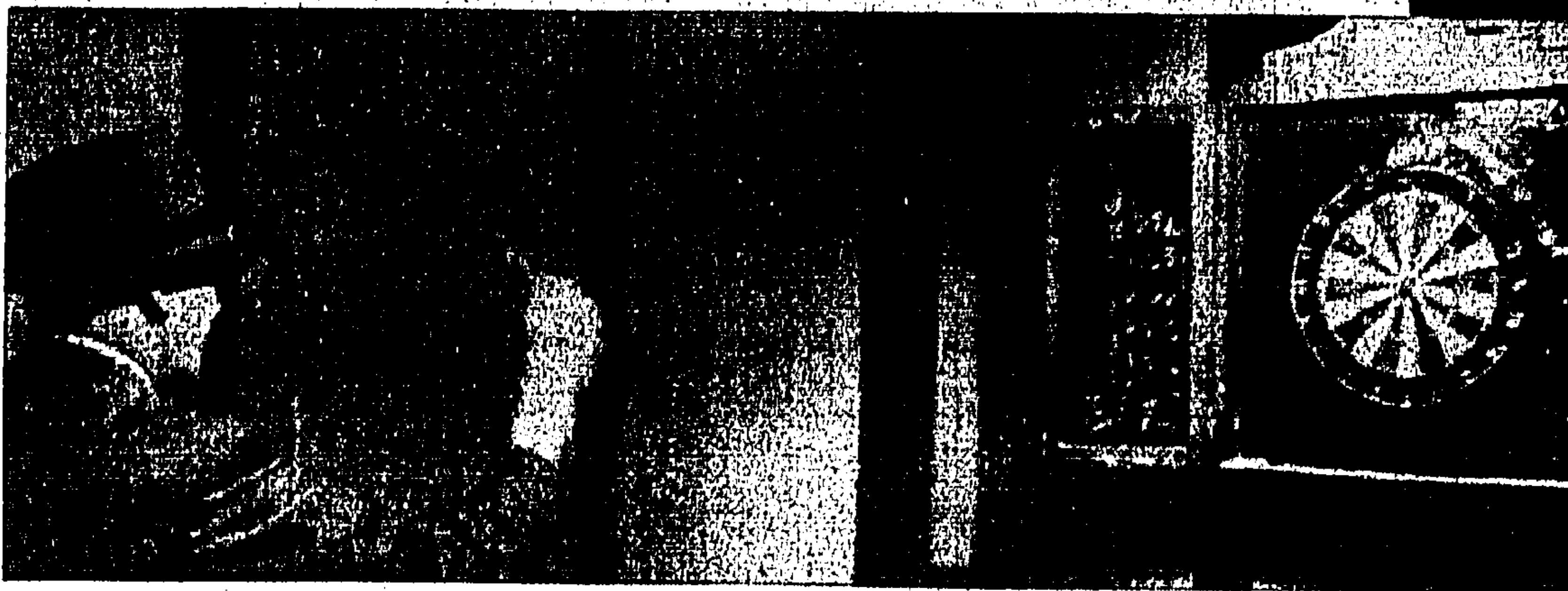
Before you answer the question for yourself, remind yourself that you could not expect to retire from work at a very active sixty-five or thereabouts, and go on living in robust health for another hundred and thirty-five years in a fat pension—or at the expense of young folk. Remind yourself, in fact, of all the adjustments you would have to make in your outlook and your way of life, and consider all the pros and cons relating to longevity.

As it is, some folk get along pretty well without the aid of science when it comes to this question of longevity.

Take, for example, the case of the two Soviet, Persian peasants whose diet consists principally of curried milk and bread. They live in an area which has long been noted for its proportion of centenarians. Sayed Ali Koutahl, the younger is rather more than a hundred years old. Nothing specially remarkable in that, you may think—but what about Sayed Ali Koutahl, senior? The latter is no elder brother. He is the father. And doctors who have examined him have pronounced that he is at the very least one hundred and fifty years of age.

The Darts Game

HE DIDN'T WIN—TILL HE CLOSED HIS EYES....



by MERRICK WINN

I HAD to leave Sidney Bradford alone in his London hotel and when I got back he was weeping.

He said, angrily, to cover up: "Another half-hour I was off back to Burton."

He said he felt all wrong. He said a boiler-plate for a gas-works had no place in a posh hotel. But this was not it and I did not know what it was until he said later: "People kept staring."

This was it. This was one of the "pathetic penalties of seeing after 50 years of blindness. He knew now that people stared."

Blind, he never felt out of place. Darkness is clueless. He had never even known what staring was. Now he knew and could feel it and he hated it. Yes, people stared. They stared not at a boiler-plate out of place, but in pity at a blind man. Sidney Bradford looks blind.

So he had gained sight and lost certainty. I showed him other ways. Blind, he walked across the traffic streaming streets, not fearing. Now he was afraid.

It was clear now this man was more vulnerable than any of us guessed. A pit-bull for us could be for him a catastrophe. His cheery good humour was a moment from misery.

Promise

He chattered up soon enough and was once more the man who, the night before, promised me to give the seeing world a trial before deciding finally: "If I go blind again, I'll stay blind."

So he and I, and the two Cambridge scientists, Richard Gregory and Miss Jean Wallace, set out to look at London and its all-fair flat.

We showed him Big Ben, the Abbey, Whitehall, and all the lot and he looked at them politely but with no real interest. He said of Buckingham Palace: "I thought it would have a long drive up." And added, rightly: "A drab place."

Nothing surprised him or disappointed him, or made him wonder or want to know more. And we, watching, were puzzled and even irritated.

For we who could see found it almost impossible really to understand how after 50 years of blindness sight could mean so little. We hope for curiosity

and marvelling, and were disappointed. He often deceived us, not deliberately but because he wanted not to disappoint. We met a woman, a smart young thing in a fur coat and hoppy heels and he said afterwards: "She was a beauty."

She was, but he could not have known. All faces look alike to him as Chinese faces do to us, and it will be weeks yet before he learns to see the differences.

He never knew my face properly in all the 10 days we were together, but he knew me instantly by my voice, clothes, walk, even breathing.

Shocked

I think he was afraid in a way of seeing women. He seemed a bit shocked by what he thought were women's bare legs, not knowing then nylons could be seen through.

And he told me: "I always felt in my own way that that women were lovely, but now I can see them I think they're ugly."

All right. We went to Trafalgar Square to show him Nelson's Column, another flop. But he enjoyed feeding the pigeons, having them flitting around him. And it was here that Jean Wallace made an important discovery.

The lights

Still it was not. We showed him a lathe and asked him what it was and he felt it all over and said: "A lathe." And added: "Now I can feel it I can see." Feeling still came a long way first.

That night we looked at the lights in Piccadilly Circus and then he loved. He kept saying: "Wonderful... lovely..." and knew the difference between mauve and violet, which was more than I did for certain. Colour clearly was important to him.

Madame Tussaud's, on the third day, was a failure. He rushed round the kings and queens, then made for the Chamber of Horrors which was normal, but even here he got tired after Crispin.

Why? Because in Madame Tussaud's the order is "Do Not Touch." A world without

A Blind Man's Reluctant Rediscovery of the world of sight
PART TWO

said, just to see: "Now try it blind." He closed his eyes, felt the board with his finger tips and stepped back to throw. And, playing like this, he beat the lot of us.

The fear

After three days I asked him what was the most important thing to him about sight so far. He said: "Life—seeing things alive," meaning that the blind must often fear the world has gone dead around them.

So I asked if this meant he had changed his mind about wanting to see and having more operations, and he said: "No. I've not seen anything yet. I'd call really beautiful, and I don't think I've missed a lot in 50 years."

And he added: "I still think I was better off as I was in my tinpot way." On that third night the two scientists and I sat up worrying about how to make this man change his mind, happily, and remembering what he had said about "Life." I asked:

"Suppose I took him to see some tremendous spectacle, full of sunshine and life and dancing and colour—would that help the breakthrough?"

Richard Gregory said, cautiously: "It's more likely to come as a gradual process, but a sudden, overwhelming experience might do it."

"It's not scientific, but it's worth trying." I asked the hospital if it was all right for Sidney Bradford to go a longish journey in the sunshine and they said yes, it was a good idea.

So what happened when we got there, he and I, was nobody's fault—as I will tell you tomorrow.

JUST FANCY THAT

A POLICEMAN said at Leeds that while motor-cycling over high ground 500 ft. above sea level he looked down and saw an aeroplane flying below him. The pilot, 40-year-old aerial photographer Jack Braithwaite, of Parkstone-grove, Leeds, was fined £35 with £13 18s. costs for flying too low over a congested area.

DRAPER Pierre Drefus, attacked by four Paris bandits, couldn't name any of them to the police, but he provided the chest, waist, arm, and leg measurements of the one he had been measuring for a suit.

ACTRESS Maria Schell, aged 32, and married 11 months, interviewed in New York, told a reporter who asked for her measurements: "That is of concern to my husband only."

FIVE rattlesnakes, two alive, three stuffed, are on their way from America, to No. 66 Squadron, Fighter Command, at Acklington, Northumberland. The squadron, whose insignia is a coiled rattlesnake, advertised for a snake as its mascot. The live snakes—American airmen at Bentwaters, Suffolk, paid for one—will be kept in a glass case.

Con-Men's Big Haul

TRADESPEOPLE all over Great Britain were robbed of £30,000 last year—including a woman undertaker who lost £200—by a team of confidence tricksters who "sold" advertisements in non-existent trade directories.

These frauds started in a big way early in 1952, when hundreds of smooth-talking "salesmen" began a door-to-door tour of British cities towns and villages.

They represented themselves as salesmen for reputable trade directories, and, with cleverly-worded documents—collected advertising fees for books that were never published. They remained unsuspected until the competition among the frauds became so fierce that they began to "double" their calls.

SUSPICIOUS

Many customers became suspicious and cancelled their orders—and the salesmen asked the customers to sign the "cancellation forms," which were in fact new agreements to pay.

In some cases the con-men have avoided prosecution because their cunningly-worded documents are technically within the law.

The woman undertaker who lost £200 told me: "I now know how these rogues have swindled me. Nearly a dozen of them have defrauded me during the past year."

"Some claimed that they had published adverts and others got money by asking me to advertise in future publications, but I have not seen or heard of any adverts being published."

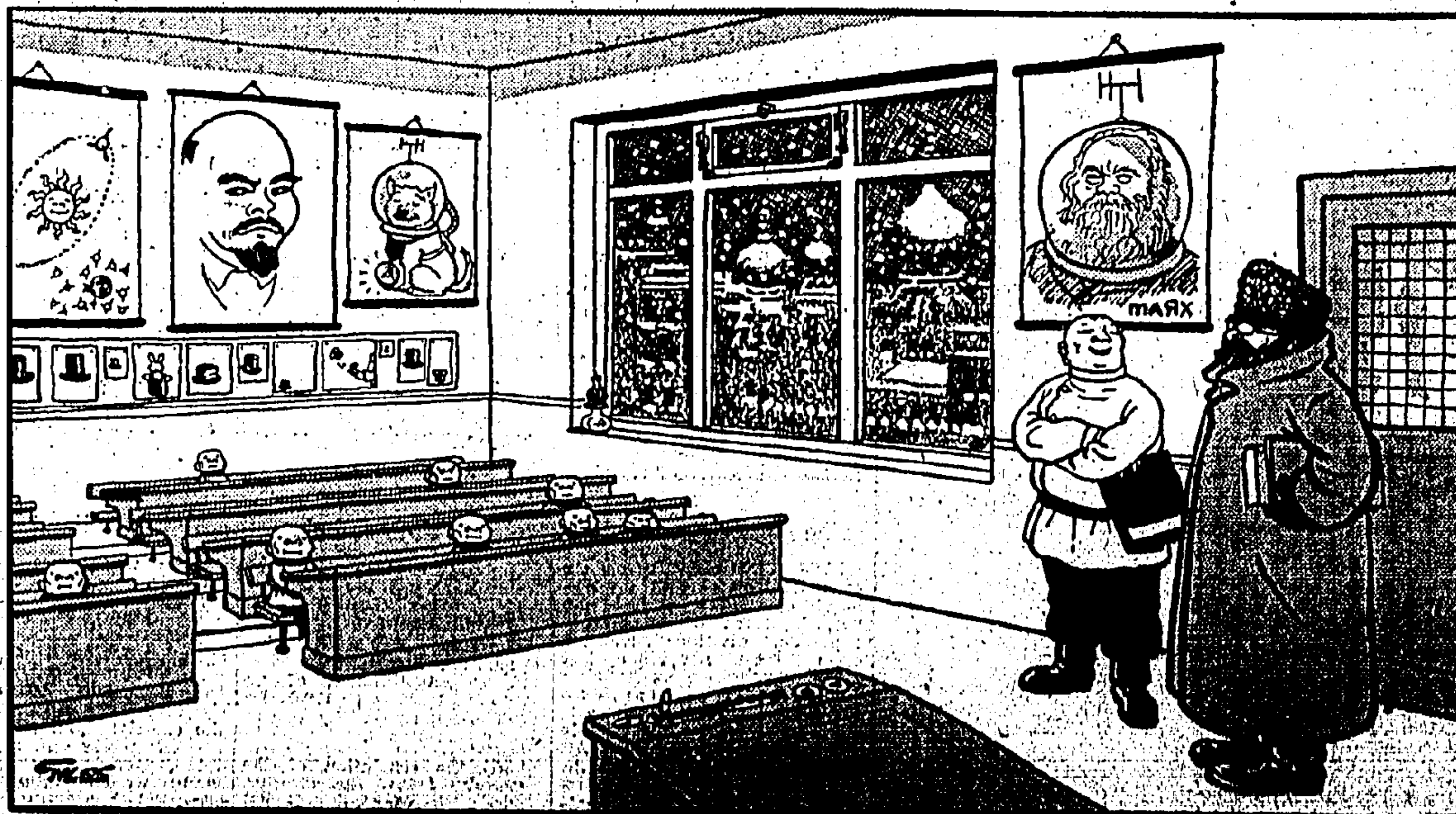
Another victim was the Reverend Mother of Lourdes Mount High School for Girls at Ealing, London.

A sister, speaking on behalf of the Reverend Mother, said: "Yes, we've had many of those gentlemen calling and collecting money for some vaguely-named directories."

The headmaster of a school in Kent said: "We discovered the frauds by accident, because I asked the agent to call two days later. In the meantime, the legitimate traveller called

By MICHAEL RYAN

company and then returned and demanded £200. He proved his point by presenting that signature, but we claimed that we would never sign for such a large amount. He explained that it was for five years, but the man who signed it thought it was only for ONE year, so we refused to pay."



Comrade Krushchev started something, professor. Fifty-six of them can't come today because they've got diplomatic toothache.

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Cash Registers Chime In American Markets

CASH registers are playing obligato in a supermarket symphony these days. Bells of money machines are heard against a background of song in nearly 61 per cent of America's large food stores, as "music to buy by" gains popularity.

Storecast System, the largest supplier of background music for supermarkets, reports that housewives have musical loyalties as well as food brand loyalties. They like bright, gay melodies in the morning and late afternoon, and soft, relaxing tunes around mid-day. A recent agreement between the Storecast System and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) is bringing millions more selections. The current favourites include "Blue Skies," "Whistle While You Work," "Fascination," "Stardust" and "It's a

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

MONDAY, MARCH 9

BORN today, you are aggressive and ambitious. You know fairly early in life what you want and go after it. You have an active and adventurous spirit. If things tend to get dull where you are, you move elsewhere. You have facility with the written as well as the spoken word. Since you have a magnetic personality, you are able to sway people in accordance with your personal opinions.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

A COMMENT that is frequently made at the bridge table is, "Partner, I bid game. How could you try for a slam?" After certain bidding sequences that comment is fully justified. Thus if the bidding goes: one heart, two hearts, four hearts, or one heart, one spade, trump, four hearts—the man who bids game is saying in effect, "Partner, I have heard

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♥ A J			
♣ AK873			
♠ 8			
WEST		EAST	
♥ K3		♠ 54	
♥ Q1075		♥ 9432	
♠ 5		♣ 8	
♣ Q643		♠ KJ1052	
SOUTH			
♠ AJ962			
♥ K8			
♣ 10962			
♠ A7			
Both vulnerable			
North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠4			

your bid and know that your strength is limited. I want to try for game on that basis."

North's jump to four spades with today's hand is an entirely different kind of bid. In effect it said, "I have heard your one spade response to my diamond opening and even if you have a minimum I want to play game."

South's hand was better than a minimum one spade response. In fact it was a full opening bid in itself. Hence, South was fully justified in checking for game and then for kings. A small slam seemed certain and a grand slam was not outside the realm of possibility.

Naturally enough, when North showed only one king, South contented himself with the small slam and it was well that he did. The trump finesse was wrong and all he could make was six.

♥-CARD Sense-♦

Q—The bidding has been:
North South West
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♥ Pass 2NT Pass
3♦ Pass ?
You, South, hold:
♠A376 ♠854 ♣AJ763
What do you do?
A—Pass or bid three no-trump. It depends on how strong you think your partner's two-heart bid was.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Your partner has opened one diamond and second hand has passed.
You hold:
♠7 ♠KJ85 ♣KQ54 ♠A33
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I had to break my engagement to Alice—she wanted to get married!"

Brighter Banking—And Women Lead The Way

IT'S ALL PART OF THE BATTLE TO WIN YOU OVER

I TOOK a chance and asked for Miss Hilda Harding. Yes, she was free to see me. This way, please. Friendly and charming Miss Harding is Britain's first woman bank manager, and is obviously enjoying herself hugely. She has had her new job for two-and-a-half months now. She represents, if anyone does, the move towards brighter banking that is sweeping through Britain.

So I wanted to ask her about it, and get a woman's point of view on this revolution in the big money. The days of heavy mahogany and prison-like steel grilles are ending. When new branches are opened, or old ones remodelled, they blossom out in pastel shades, contemporary designs and concealed lighting. "Homely and friendly rather than mahogany and austere is the idea in banking now," said Miss Harding. "We want to create an atmosphere that encourages wage-earners and others to use the banks."

The trend

Her own branch in Mayfair, with its mushroom walls, deep blue carpets and bowls of lilies and chrysanthemums may accentuate the new trend. But the main idea is being reflected in London and all over

By ALEXANDER THOMSON

the country in these days of overdrafts with a smile. The big bankers of the City's Lombard Street are competing with each other as never before to win new customers. The way they have been stepping out in the last few months with Personal Loan Schemes and other attractions shows that.

Brushing up their branches is just one of the ways in which they hope to make the most of their opportunities.

And they are finding that it is paying off. A new branch with a colourful decor and comfortable chairs and settees becomes a talking point around the town.

Two banks have opened "drive-in" branches. Others are watching this experiment closely.

Car parks are another idea the banks are taking up wherever possible. One bank will have a car park of 20,000 square feet at a new branch it is to build at Exeter.

There are snags, of course. Some customers tend to use their cars while shopping or at the cinema, as well as when cashing cheques.

At Portsmouth another new branch has an ornamental garden and pond outside the window of the manager's room.

It creates a more friendly atmosphere for discussing a loan.

And talking of loans, the old custom of having a frosted glass door with the cold word "Manager" on it is on the way out.

It is too chilly and impersonal for the present trend. The manager's name goes on the door now, as if to say, "Why not come in for a chat?"

All girls!

And talking of bank managers, one of them in Bedford was showing a friend of mine round his branch the other day. "For the first time since I have been here," he said, "all my eight cashiers are girls. And none is over 25."

They added to the new colourful styling of the bank. And the customers—both men and women—evidently enjoyed doing business with them.

In this bank, one of the biggest, the tendency is to use more girl cashiers. "We find they do the job better than many men," one of the head office officials told me.

A customers' lounge has been provided by another bank in a Regency house that has been

tastefully converted into a West End branch. Pink walls and golden curtains set off deep blue armchairs and settees. And all the latest glossies are spread about.

Few branches can do this sort of thing on so lavish a scale. But many of the new ones will have comfortably furnished "waiting spaces."

Some banks have gone in for murals in their decor. One in Canterbury depicts the history of this ancient cathedral city. It was painted by the masters and pupils of the local art school.

Another branch, to be opened at Kingston, will have a mural, too. The theme will probably be nearby Hampton Court.

In one branch catering for overseas visitors there is a window that highlights places of historical interest in London. Another tells about attractions elsewhere in Britain. The displays are changed regularly.

American banks have gone even further ahead than ours in brushing up their offices. Some have installed television rooms where their customers can watch such things as world series baseball games.

None of our banks, in their larger branches, has yet gone as far as providing TV for the Derby or cricket matches. But in their present mood, you never can tell what they will think up next.

Another American idea is printing customers' names on their cheques just above the place where they sign. It pleases the customers' ego, and also makes life a lot easier for the clerks handling the cheques.

All these moves towards brighter banking are certainly to be welcomed. Huge sums are being spent each year on them.

In Taunton, one development scheme will cost £350,000. Another in Birmingham will mean a bill for £1,500,000. The same bank last year spent £30,000 or more on improvements at each of a dozen of its branches.

From the customers' point of view, there is one long overdue improvement that would cost very little. A revision of banking hours.

Three o'clock closing is a constant irritant to housewives and business men alike.

If the banks, as Miss Harding says, want to attract the wage earners, they will have to do something about it soon. Until 1915, banks used to stay open until 4 o'clock. So why not now?

(London Express Service).

Right For The Office



This neat outfit will carry a girl through from just after dawn to cocktail time. Central Press Photo.

Household Hints

When buying sheets, look for the highest possible thread count, firm selvages and well-stitched hem.

Wash mirrors and windows with a chamomile which has been dipped in soapy water. Wring out the cloth and rub briskly until all water has been absorbed.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

King Nep's Palace

—Herk Knocked It Down, Then Built It Up Again—

By MAX TRELL

LONG before they reached the ledge of the brook at the spot where it makes a sharp turn around the willow tree, Knarf and Handi, the Shadows with the Turned About Names, heard the sound of laughter and a voice saying: "Out of my way!"

The next second, Knarf and Handi ducked their heads as a pebble, followed by a piece of bark, went whizzing by.

Another voice was speaking now in an earnest pleading tone. Knarf and Handi recognised the voice as that of their friend King Nep. Long, long ago, King Nep was known as King Neptune, Ruler of the Seven Seas.

"Don't do it, Herk!" King Nep was saying. "You'll hurt yourself. Suddenly there was a crash! Knarf and Handi ran as fast as they could and didn't stop until they reached the little house of sticks and stones which King Nep called his Palace.



Herk was striding up and down carrying huge twigs.

"Wonderful! Wonderful! Thank you very much," said King Nep. "It's a better palace than the one I had before."

"I knew you'd like it," said Herk. "But there's one thing wrong. The brook is too close to your front door. I'm going to push the brook back."

Here King Nep and Knarf and Handi all shouted in warning to Herk. But he wouldn't listen.

He leaned over the bank and pushed the brook with all his might. But the only thing that happened was that the blade of grass to which Herk was holding broke in half and Herk splashed into the middle of the brook.

"You're not as strong as you used to be, Herk," King Nep said, as he and Knarf and Handi carried the strong little man into the newly-built palace, made him some soup in an eared cup and put him to bed in patch of moss.

Rupert and the Blunderpuss—2



Almost the first person the little bear meets is Mrs. Sheep herself. "Hello," he calls. "Are you coming to look after us while Mum and Dad are away? My uncle, Dr. Bruno Bear, is coming to stay. 'Yes, you'll need me,' says the old lady. 'Doctors are ALL HOUSES RESERVES'

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Veteran Thomas Returns To Welsh XV To Play Ireland On Saturday

London, March 8. The "veteran" centre Malcolm Thomas, holder of 25 caps, returns to the Welsh side to play Ireland in the five nations rugby tournament next Saturday on the strength of one brilliant performance.

This was, in the Barbarians-Blackheath match last week when he scored three tries, one of them, a magnificent solo effort when he ran from half-way line right through the Blackheath defence to score between the posts.

Two Other Changes

Thomas, who was not even picked for the Welsh trial matches, replaces Haden Davies.

Two other changes are made by the Welsh selectors in the side beaten 6-5 by Scotland on February 7.

Haden Morgan replaces John Lelu at wing-forward while Ian Ford makes way for new cap John Harris in the second row of the scrum.

Ireland retains the side which beat Scotland 6-3 on February 28.

The Teams

The teams are:
WALES
Full-back: T. Davies (Llanelli).
Three-quarters: J. Collins (Aberavon), Malcolm Thomas (Newport), P. Price (Pontypool), D. Bebb (Carnarvon Technical College, Swansea).
Fly-half: C. Ashton (Aberavon).
Scrum-half: L. Williams (Cardiff).
Forwards: H. Morgan (Aberavon), J. Fnull (Swansea), captain, D. Harris (Pontypool), R. W. Williams (Llanelli), D. Main (London Welsh), B. Meredith (Newport), R. Prosser (Pontypool).

IRELAND

Full-back: N. Henderson (North of Ireland).
Three-quarters: A. O'Reilly (Leicester), J. Doherty (Galwegians), D. Hewitt (Belfast University), N. Brophy (Dublin University).
Fly-half: M. English (Limerick Bohemians).
Scrum-half: A. Mulligan (London Irish).
Forwards: R. Kavanagh (Wanderers), A. O'Sullivan (Galwegians), N. Murphy (Cork Institution), W. Mulenhy (Dublin University), G. Cullin (Wanderers), S. Miller (Ballymena), A. Dawson (Wanderers, captain), B. Wood (Carrigrohane).—France-Press.

DOUBLE CROSS COUNTRY WIN BY MIMOUN

Caen, March 8. Alain Mimoun, France's Melbourne Olympics marathon winner, won his second big cross country event in eight days when he won the Meizidon International near here today.

The wily Mimoun, with his shuffling economical gait, sprinted past the Moroccan, Rhak, in the final metres of the 8 kilometres (five miles) race to win by two seconds in 20 min 32 sec.

French runners filled the first five places followed by the Belgian Van Der Hoeven. Mimoun won last Sunday's cross country race at Tremblay, near Paris.—France-Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Colonial Junior Badminton Championships matches at Takko Club, 7.30 p.m.
TOMORROW
Athletics
Green Howards Inter-Company annual athletic meeting, Stanley, 2 p.m.

Lira May Lure Players To Italy

END OF THE STORY



Bengal Scroll crashes and throws his locky, C. Finnegan, after the second jump in the Cotswold Steeplechase at the Cheltenham meeting last Tuesday.—Reuterphoto.

SITE FOR WORLD TITLE FIGHT TO BE ANNOUNCED TOMORROW

New York, March 8. American boxing promoter Bill Rosenzohn confirmed here tonight that he would announce on Tuesday the site of the World heavyweight boxing title bout between holder Floyd Patterson and Sweden's champion Ingemar Johansson.

Rosenzohn, who is organising the bout, will choose among New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Minneapolis and Baltimore.

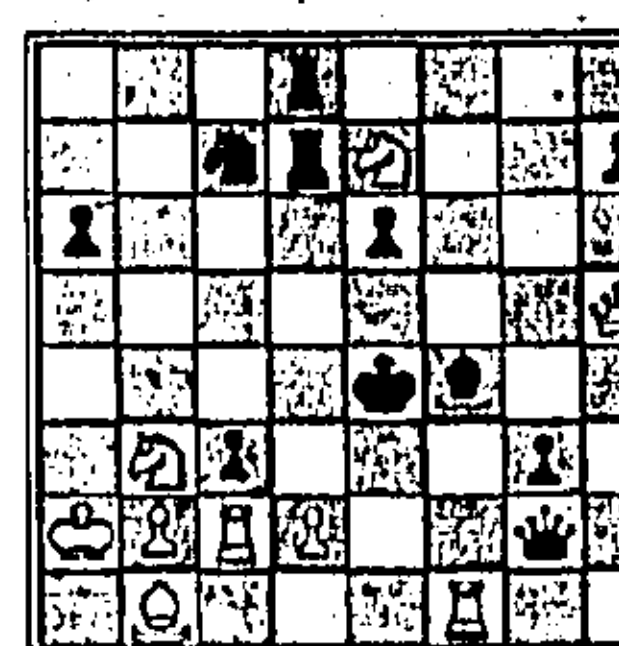
Rosenzohn said that the date for the fight would depend on the site that was chosen. If New York got the selection, the world championship bout would probably be held at the end of June this year, he added.—France-Press.

South American Soccer Result

Buenos Aires, Mar. 8. Uruguay beat Bolivia 7-0 in the South American soccer championships here today. The score was 3-0 at half-time.—Reuter.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by J. Hartong (To Mat, 1954). White to play and mate in two moves. London Express Service.

WORLD SOCCER BALANCE OF POWER IN DANGER OF BEING UPSET

By TOM FINNEY

(Of Preston North End and England)

The tall and elegant Prince Lanza lazily surveyed the toe of his shoe and then said casually: "Play for Palermo for two seasons and I can promise you £10,000." We were dining together at the banquet given for the Italian and English teams in Florence in 1952. For a moment, the room was a golden blur.

Then my senses returned and I told him: "I'll have to place the offer in front of my directors before making any decision." The following week, the Preston Board refused to consider placing me on the transfer list—and so ended my chance of sampling the big-money delights of the Italian League.

But soon, I believe, such offers to internationalists the world over will become commonplace, for a revolution is taking place in Italian football which may have far-reaching results.

The wealthy financiers who control the destinies of many of the top clubs are trying to sweep away the law which says that only one foreigner can appear in an Italian League side.

Confident

The majority of Continental experts expect the ban to be lifted within the next 12 months and the financiers are even more confident.

It is no secret that they have already received detailed reports on many of the more famous British players, and that Juventus' dapper chief scout Gigi Peronace has been watching Swansens' Mel Charles.

Ask yourself why Mr. Peronace—with his foreign quota ably filled by John Charles—should be interested in brother Mel and you begin to realise just how near this threatened move may be.

Why is it so important? Because it is possible that the lure of Italian gold could skim the cream off the top footballing nations and alter the whole balance of power in world football. Already the single signing of John Charles has taken the

sting out of the Welsh attack. No country, however strong, can afford to lose its top-liners. Remember how Hungary fell away from its soccer pinnacle once Ferenc Puskas and his friends went into exile?

If the Italian financiers have their way there could be a very real danger of the great Brazilian team being broken up while the plans of many nations might receive serious set-backs.

How about Britain?

Fees Too High

I am sure that players such as Manchester United's Bobby Charlton, Fulham's Johnny Haynes and Huddersfield's Dennis Law would be high on the lists of wanted players.

But I believe that Britain would lose fewer real top-class players than most of the other footballing nations.

By world standards, our transfer fees have reached an inflated level, and I doubt whether even the Italian financiers would wish to compete in the bidding for anything but the very best.

As Britain's international prestige has fallen so, too, has the demand for her players. Real Madrid, perhaps the only truly cosmopolitan club in Europe, includes Frenchmen, Brazilians, Argentinians, Hungarians, Spaniards, and Swedes... but no Britishers.

Incentive

They have, I understand, shown interest in only one footballer on this side of the Channel during recent years... a current English international... but after discovering the probable fee they quickly made a bid for Pele of Brazil.

Players will have the incentive of a large slice of the fee and many will probably welcome the opportunity. I still remember my own immediate reaction at the mention of that £10,000.

But even so I don't think there will be anything approaching a stampede to Italy.

I have discussed the advantages and disadvantages of playing abroad with many of our most famous players and found most of them reluctant to leave the security of our own much-maligned League system.

Many of us remember Bogota and the comments of men like Charlie Mitten, Neil Franklin and George Mountford when they returned from the Columbian city which had looked like a footballer's idea of Heaven.

Homesick

More recently we have studied the conflicting reports of life in the Italian League which have filtered back from John Charles, Tony Marchi and Eddie Firmani.

Big John has confessed to being homesick and only Eddie seems completely happy. This isn't really surprising when you remember that these men have left their friends and family behind and are partly isolated from their new teammates by the language barrier.

In some cases, too, one must expect to face professional jealousy, for the Italian-born players must envy the riches of the foreign signing.

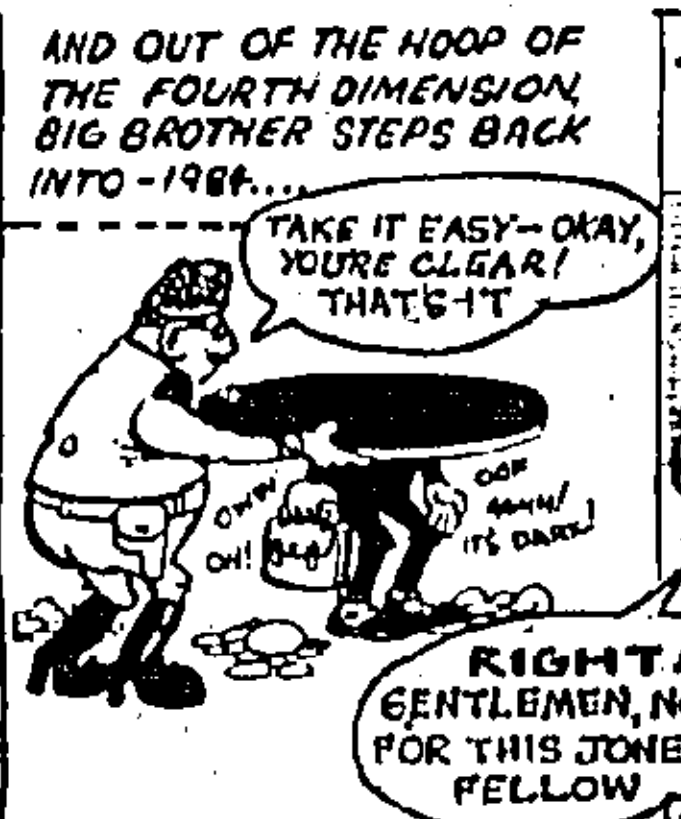
Alan Hardacre, secretary of the Football League, told me on his return from Italy that the average professional over there earns very much less than his counterpart in Britain.

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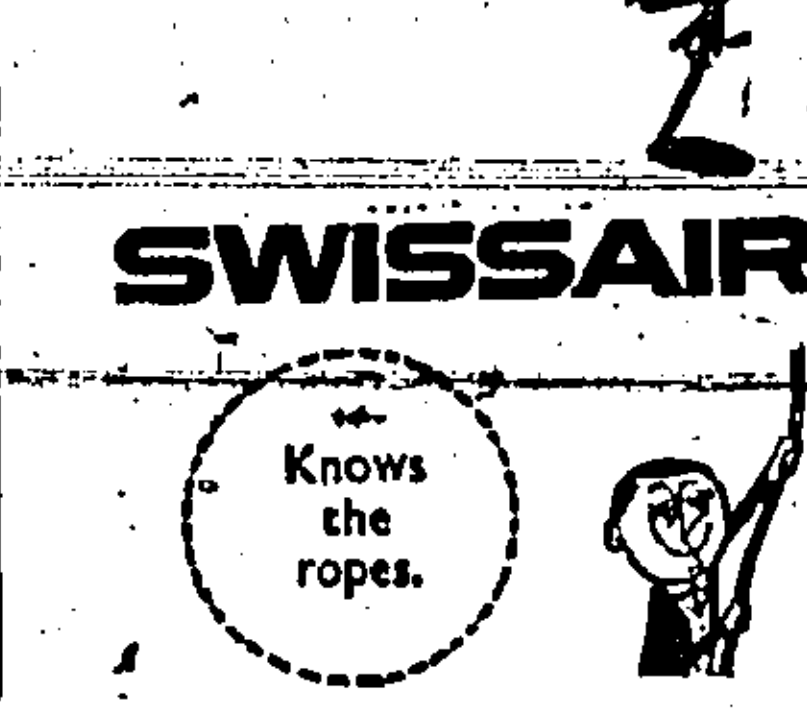
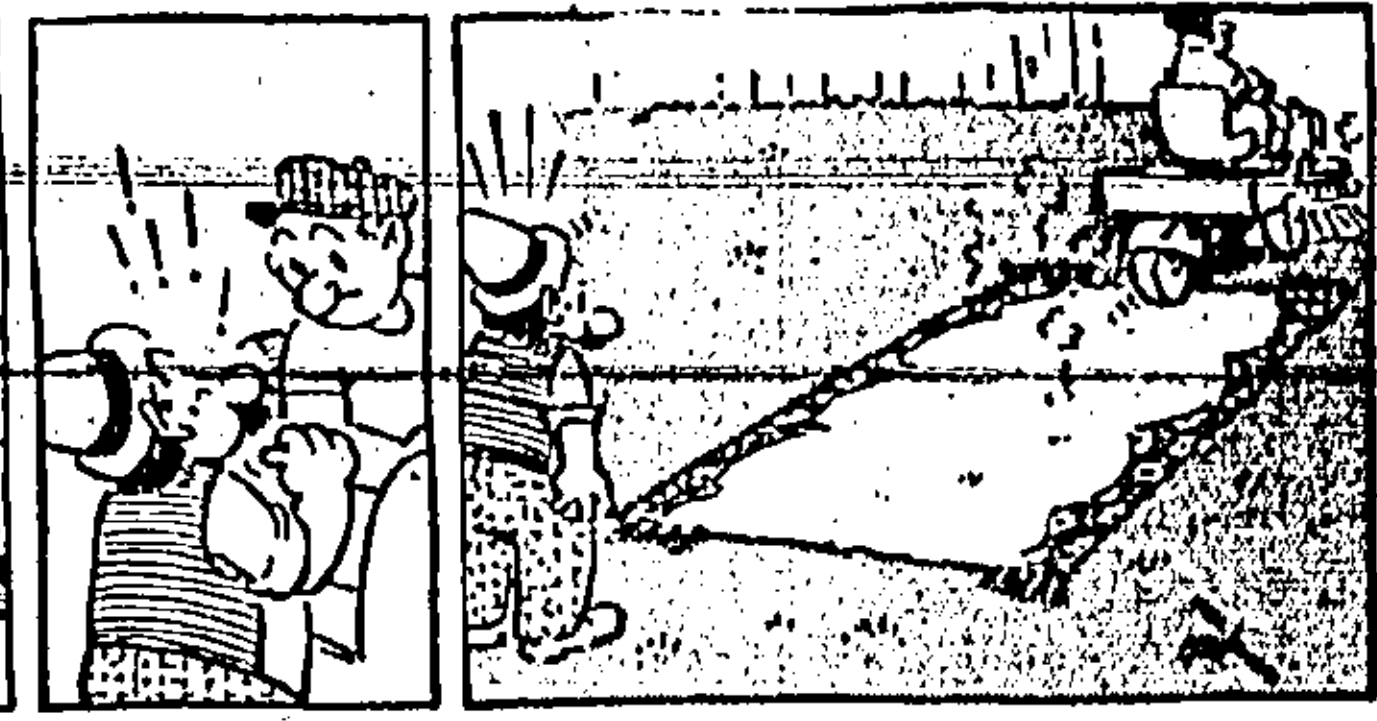
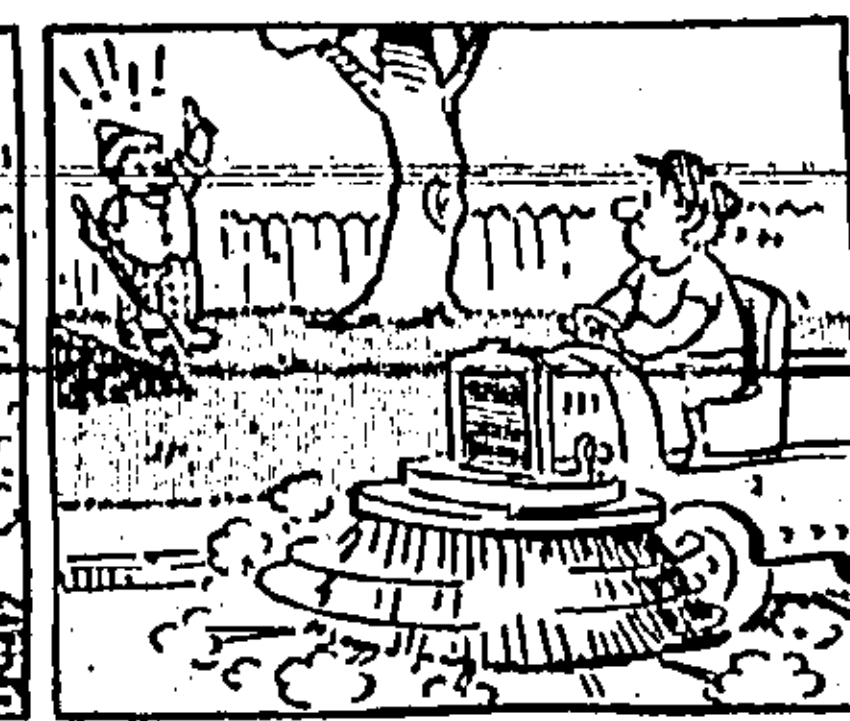
Still, despite the snags and the doubts, the cloud cast by the Italian financiers is still there on the horizon as large as ever.

Whether it's a black, forbidding cloud or one tinged with a silver lining depends largely upon one's nationality. Personally I would be prepared to forgive a lot if a few Italian clubs can mirror the magic of Madrid.

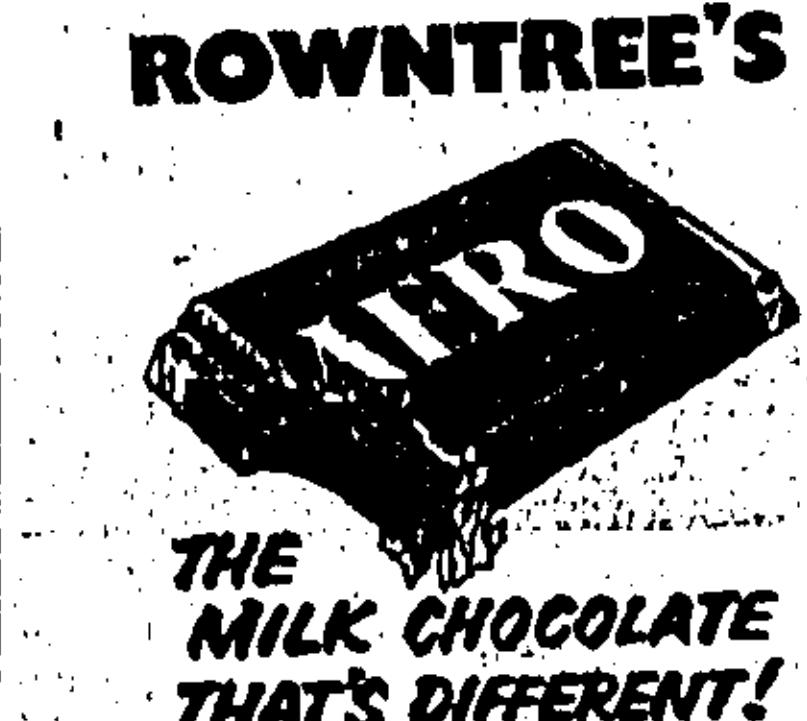
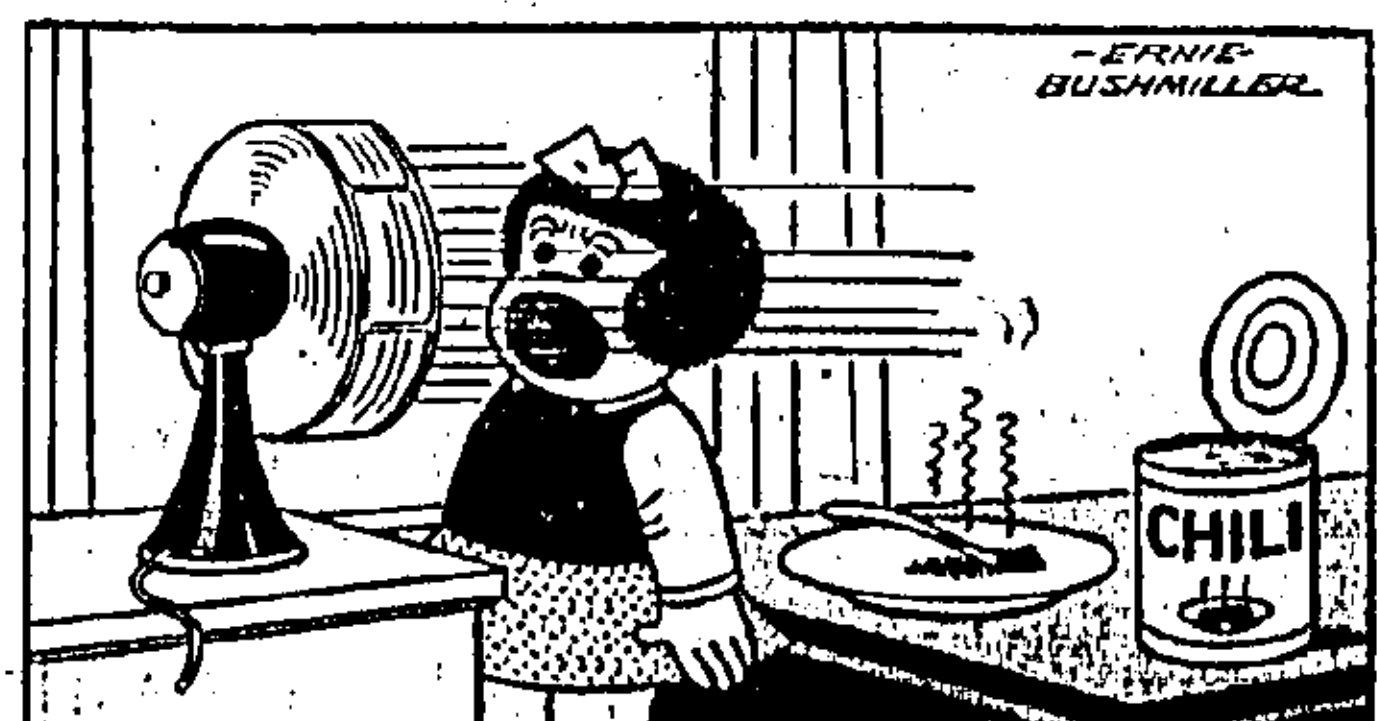
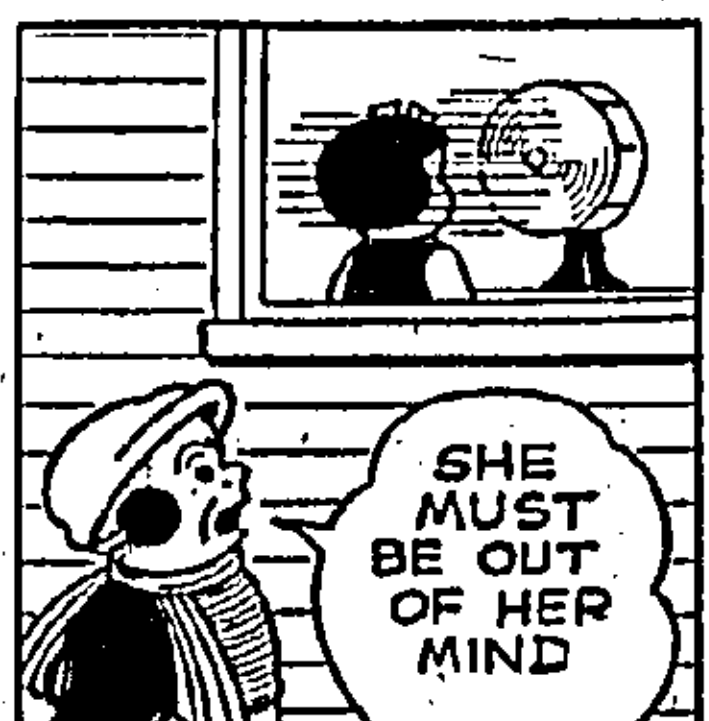
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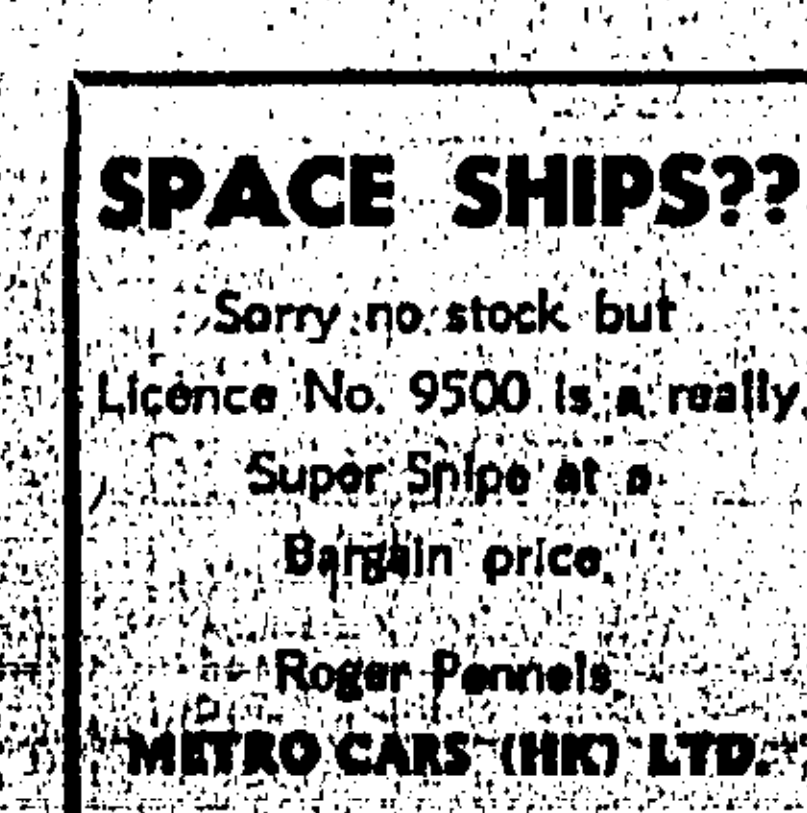
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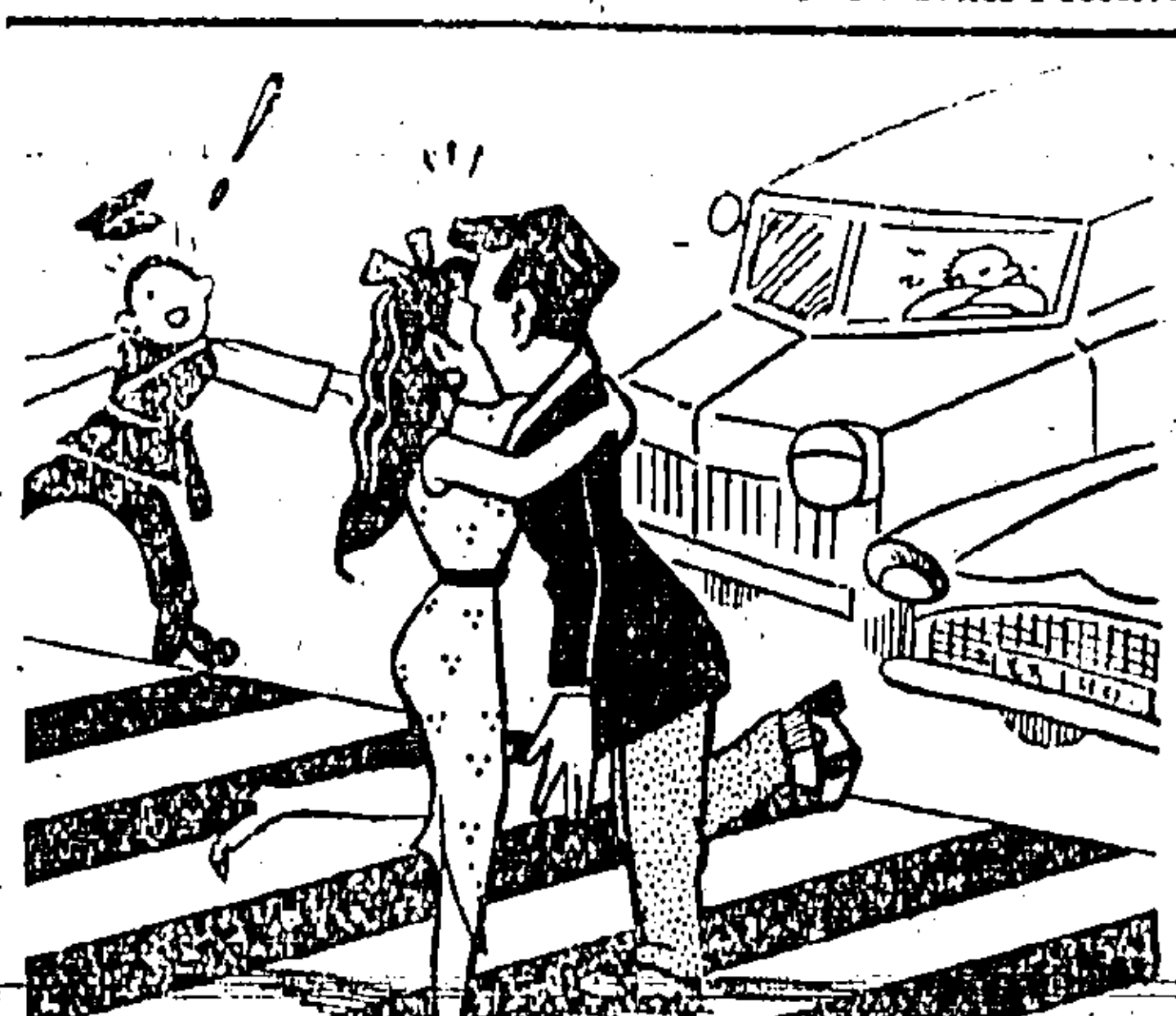
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Former Boxing Champion Is Nyasaland's Premier



Sir Roy Welensky
"Ernest Bevin of Africa"

Africa can boast no more colourful figure than Sir Roy Welensky, now in his second term as Prime Minister of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

In an astonishingly chequered career, this burly 20-stone politician has been a butcher, a baker's boy, a barman, and engine-driver—and professional heavyweight boxing champion of Rhodesia.

Today he is known as the Ernest Bevin of Africa. He has also been called "a second Rhodes."

Sir Roy was born in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, in January, 1907—the 13th child of poor Polish half-Jewish immigrants who, in the 'eighties, had trekked on foot from the Union to Rhodesia.

He was then called, went to local schools in Salisbury until he was 14 years old. Then he had to cut short his education to earn a living.

His first job was as a baker's boy. A year later he was working as a barman in a goldminers' hotel. He then had a variety of jobs until, at 17, he decided to make his career on the railways.

Tough Days

Those were tough, bolsterous days in Rhodesia and it was useful to be well-versed in the noble art. So Welensky trained as a boxer in his spare time.

At 19, he became heavyweight champion and held the title for three years. Once he fought an African who had knocked out one of his many brothers. He floored him in the second round and the referee stopped to fight to save further punishment.

Meanwhile, Roland Welensky had become an engine-driver and an ardent trade unionist. Within a few years he was chairman of the local railwaymen's union.

As a trade union leader, Welensky could handle any emergency. Once confronted with a member of the local Fascist movement, he knocked the man down with his fists.

Powerful Speaker
Welensky was an equally powerful speaker and, just before the war, he went into politics with immediate success. He represented Broken Hill, a railway-junction town, in the Legislative Council of Northern Rhodesia.

In 1941 he formed the Northern Rhodesia Labour Party. During the war he was appointed Director of Manpower, mobilising Rhodesia's labour resources for the war effort.

Sir Roy spent many years in expeditions. Then, with the coming of the Federation, he was given high office by the first Federal Prime Minister, Lord Malvern.

Never Satisfied
His first Cabinet post was as Minister of Transport in 1953. As such he was never satisfied with inspecting new locomotives at stations. He would drive them himself and give an expert opinion on their performance.

In 1955 he was appointed Minister of Housing. He still continued to live in a railway bungalow and held court every Sunday, hearing all the grievances of the local copper miners.

Sir Roy became Leader of the House and Deputy Prime Minister in 1955. In November of the following year he became Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Defence.

Today, this self-made man remains a gay, good-natured character, who has developed an unforced dignity as befits a high-placed Minister of the Crown.

Sir Roy has been married 30 years and had a daughter and a son. He no longer practises boxing, at 51, but he still keeps himself remarkably fit. He does not smoke or drink and spends most of his spare time at work in his garden.

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HERR MEYER IS A RED MILLIONAIRE

Berlin.
Herr Otto Meyer has a luxurious bungalow-type home, an elegant wife and a big, shiny black car. He serves dry martinis at 6.30 and spends his holidays on the Riviera. Herr Meyer is a millionaire living comfortably in Communist East Germany.

He can do this because East German leader Walter Ulbricht is busy copying the ideas of his Chinese counterpart Mao Tse-tung.

Red millionaires are one of Mao's inventions. "It's a marvellous institution," East German Communist officials say. So far, it has worked, very well.

Herr Meyer's story is an example.

Cotton Mill

He owns a cotton mill in a small town near Berlin. One day in 1957 Meyer went to see the local manager of his state-controlled bank. He asked for a loan to replace his worn-out machinery.

"Sorry," the bank manager said. "No loans. But I am authorised to offer you a state partnership. The Government is prepared to invest in your firm and to become a partner owner. You, continuing as partner and manager. How about it?"

"I'll think it over," Meyer said. During the following weeks and months he encountered all sorts of difficulties.

Finally, one of his key machines broke down and had to be replaced.

When he called a machinery plant he was told that this type of machine would not be available for another six months. And he would have to pay cash.

Next morning Meyer went to see the bank manager.

Three days later he received another letter from the machinery plant. They had a machine of the type he required immediately available, the letter said.

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Advantages
The arrangement has its advantages for both partners. The government profits from Meyer's experience and initiative. He is well liked by his workers.

There is no labour trouble in his cotton mill, while state-owned factories in East Germany frequently have difficulties with their workers.

Meyer, meanwhile, has to share his profit with the Government. But he also gets a high salary as manager of his own plant.

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The Most Privileged Publicans In London

London.
The Queen, who has never set foot in a pub, may not know it but one of her first acts as Queen was to license five public houses.

The occasion that brought five London pub owners to Buckingham Palace on the morning of February 6, 1952, only a few hours after the late King George VI's death, was the annual licensing meeting of pubs that "verge on the palace."

The five pub owners that appeared there—as their predecessors have done every February for the past three centuries—are the most privileged in London.

Not only do they manage to steal a glimpse of the palace in receiving their annual liquor licenses, but they do not have to pay for them.

Almost every other publican in Britain today does.

"Green Cloth"

"Palace" publicans today, as they have done since the 17th century, appear at the palace by command of the "Board of Green Cloth."

"Don't ask me the origin of the board's name," said Edgar George Holmes, owner of the Silver Cross, the oldest of the "palace pubs," as he slipped his eleven o'clock glass of hook.

"The most popular theory is that the board consisted of the palace caterers who met around a table covered with green cloth."

The board started operations from Whitehall Palace back in the days of the late King Charles I.

In those days it had the power to punish by death any subject of the King who ran counter to palace orders.

A Power
And today the board, administered by the Keeper of the Queen's Household, remains a power—at least as far as the five pub owners, who operate within walking distance of Buckingham Palace, are concerned.

Local police and health inspectors annually report to the bench of the Board of Green Cloth on the condition and behaviour of the five privileged pubs: The Silver Cross, the Ship, the Shade, Clarence and Whitehall Court.

"Palace pub owners have no power of argument before the board," said Holmes, stroking his moustache.

"But we rather close down than not to please the board. We're very jealous of our visit to the palace. It lets us see the inside."

Holmes said he thought that the Silver Cross was the oldest public house in the country.

"The other palace pubs all were rebuilt after Whitehall Palace was burned down in 1698."

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